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Cub Fun Day



Robin Hood featured at this years **Fun Day** on Saturday 3 March at the 1st Strand Scout Grounds. Most bases were shooting of bow and arrow, while other bases were stilt walking, matching items, rope trail, treasure hunt and target shooting with paper balls. This year Cub Fun Day concentrated on helping street children, with blankets, books and clothing donations called for from Packs. The Cubs thoroughly enjoyed the day of fun together, thanks to the Helderberg Team. *Christine de Wit*



Kontiki was held Sat 17 to Sun 18 March at Sandvlei Sea Scout Base with the theme 'Space'. Congratulations overall winners 1st Bergvliet (win photo by Gavin Withers). To all the other competitors (27 rafts made), a big congratulations for taking part in this amazing competition - you are all winners. *Gerrie Buckley SSB* • What a fantastic Kontiki! I was really impressed at how much effort was put into the competition by all the teams - from the theme dress to the painting of the raft. I thought last year was absolutely amazing, but this year seemed to be even better! I hope that everyone had a great time over the weekend, I know I did! We look forward to seeing you again at Kontiki 2013. *Robbie Owen (Kontiki Chief Judge)*





Did you know? **Sunglasses** were originally designed to reduce sunlight on eyes for outdoor use, and later used to conceal blindness. It is a sign of total disrespect to the person/s you are speaking to, if you keep them on while speaking to a person / people or addressing a crowd. It may look 'cool', but rather remove them and make eye contact with your listener / audience.



A **Hawequas Tour** took place on Wed 21 March for promotional purposes. Visitors arrived in style by Rolls Royce. Seen here are Charles (our original Hawequas Chairman from 1985) and Jenni v/d Spuy, Hon Comm Buzz Macey, Helga and Michael Ries visiting us from Germany.



166 Members met Sun 25 March at Goodwood Sports Club for the annual **Provincial Conference**. The day was spent gathering and exchanging much information for improved running of all branches. On a negative note, 87 of our members confirmed their attendance and just never showed, not a fine example to our youth. Thanks to Renee Hampshire and HQ staff for making it happen, the super lunch and all gifts received.



The **21st Patrol Leaders Training Unit Course** was held at Hawequas from Sat 31 March to Sun 8 April, with tremendous success once again, thanks to the 80 plus tutors and participants coordinated this year by Ingrid Webster. We had two Dutch Girl Scouts from Friesland, Herma Visser and friend Hilde Broekman pay the course a visit as invited guest's midway through.



In 1911/12 Robert Falcon Scott, representing Great Britain, raced Ronald Amundsen of Norway to the South Pole. Amundsen and his team got there first, but Scott and his team all perished on the way back. Now 100 years later, it was 'game on' as six nations raced to the South Pole for the **Centenary South Pole Scott-Amundsen Race Challenge 2012**. Braam Malherbe (Our Appleton Camp Warden - *left in top pics*) and Peter van Kets from Team SA finished the race in joint third position. After 24 days in extreme weather conditions (reaching -45° C) and 742 kilometres of what is described as the toughest snow ski race on the planet, Braam and Peter arrived at the South Pole on Sat 28 Jan 2012 at 06:00 (SA time). Braam, a MyPlanet Ambassador and Peter took part in the race to create awareness about climate change and the effect it has on Antarctica – well done Braam! *Edited version from Urban Brew Studios.* • Other achievements reached by Braam to mention a few of many, was running the entire length of Great Wall of China in 2006, a world first of 4 218km's in 98 days. Then in 2008, running a 'Smile around SA' following the entire coastline from Namibia to Mozambique, covering 3 278km's and raising R2.5m for 'Operation Smile'.



The **SABC** has produced two **'Survivor' series at Hawequas**. 'Roughing It', a children's reality show last year with two teams trying to 'survive' under our survivor facilitator Brendan Dale. Then Hectic Nine-9 in March saw 4 Scouts Shannon (3rd Pinelands), Jodie (1st Belhar), Buntu (1st Ikwezi) and Jason (1st Bergvliet) represented Scouting on a live show and were amazing! Another survival show was then done over 4 days at Hawequas, this time using a team of 7 Scouts against outside 'actors'. Scouts were Depesh - 1st Athlone, Valencia - 1st Bellville, Jessica - 1st Bothasig, Viwe - 1st Ikwezi, Xolani - 6th Rondebosch, Johan - 1st Durbanville and Roche - 2nd Elsies Rivier. Thanks again to Brendan (who is looking for more 14 year old Scout 'actors') and Oriel Jongbloed for putting together the last series, which aired at the end of April.



1st Bothasig Rovers at our **Provincial BP Sunday** 19 Feb, attended by 19 Groups and held at Stone Cottages, Kirstenbosch.



The Bothasig Rovers and Scouts were joined by ward councillor James Vos on Wednesday 21 March (Human Right Day), when they completed a **wooden boardwalk bridge** (Refer to SCaR 25 page 4 when the project was started) over what will become a seasonal wetland area at Bothasig Fynbos Nature Reserve. *TygerBurger*



DC Philip Jaftha, ADC Greg Stopford, Pam and John Freeman with Andre Foot at Hawequas Sat 21 April. These members and more were present at the **handing over** of half a ton of **camping equipment to Hawequas**, with more planned to arrive later this year. John Freeman (ex-commissioner in Banstead District, Surrey, UK, now Group Chairman of 1st Tattenhams (St. Marks), had been canvassing Groups in his District and County for second hand camping equipment, then organised that it reached us free and safely with thanks to British Airways. Books were also collected, these will later form part of 'The Fellowship Resource Centre' in the Ole Schroder House. There were also 15 new Silva Compasses handed over for use on our Provincial Mapping Badge Courses. John and Pam will be with us awhile longer and during his stay, will also be organizing a UK Group to uplift a struggling Group in the Table View District, thus starting inter-Group support from the UK. In a future SCaR, I will cover the story behind John's work for us.



16 Patrols (96 Scouts and 14 Adults) from Two Oceans District met at Hawequas Sat 21 to Sun 22 April for the **Annual Beaver Rose Competition**. 1st Fish Hoek proved their strength and took the Trophy home – to all entries well done!

Did you know? 100 Years ago on 10 April 1912, **Titanic the largest ship ever built**, left Southampton UK, at the start of her maiden voyage. Four days later at 11.40pm on 14 April, she struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic and **sank** 2½ hours later. At 12.20am on 15 April the crew were given the order to load women and children into the ship's inadequate lifeboats (to cut cost, there were not enough for all). Titanic sank at 2.20am, with great loss of life. The disaster made headlines across the world and to date the tragedy still touches many lives. Of the 2228 on board, 1523 people lost their lives in the icy waters and only 705 survived the disaster (56 Children, 324 woman and 325 men).

